



# Women's History Month

In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the U.S. president has issued a proclamation.

## 149.1 million

The number of females in the United States as of July 1, 2004. That exceeds the number of males (144.5 million). Males outnumbered females in every five-year-age group through the 35- to 39-age group. Starting with the 40- to 44-age group, women outnumbered men. At 85 and over, there were more than twice as many women as men. <<http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/NC-EST2004-sa.html>>

From the U.S. Census Bureau  
<http://www.census.gov/>

## Websites You May Want to Visit

National Women's History Project

<http://www.nwhp.org/>

## InfoPlease

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>

## Gale Free Resources

[http://www.gale.com/free\\_resources/whm/](http://www.gale.com/free_resources/whm/)

## Books You May Want to Read

*Library of Famous Women* by various authors

Series that includes biographies on many women, including: Anne Frank, Oprah Winfrey, Mother Theresa and others

*Voting Rights Days* by Ellen Weiss

After coming to live with nine-year-old Emily and her family in Washington, D.C., in 1916, Hitty, a well-traveled wooden doll, witnesses the efforts of Emily's aunt and other suffragettes to win the right for women to vote

*The Changing Role of Women* by Mandy Ross

Examines the changing role of women throughout the twentieth century in the areas of politics, human rights, education, domestic life, work, health care, the arts, fashion, and sports

## To Find More

In TEL, go to Kids InfoBits or Junior Edition - K12 and use the following search strategies:

Women's History	Women	Feminism	Working Women
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